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WHOM SAY YE THAT HE IS?

BY WILLIAM P. WILSON.

This is the story that the sages tell,
In days when the world was black with hate
And hearts of men were crushed with weight
Of selfishness, a Being came to dwell
With men so mild, the smile of him could quell
The beast in man and hold it subjugate
To noble things; so simple, yet so great,
That men beheld and then in worship fell.

Whom say ye that He is? What do ye say?
Was born upon that night we celebrate,
A great-souled man or God came from above,
What was it in that lowly manger lay?
Well may the world pour out glad songs elate,
For it was Love born there, and God is Love.

PAN-AMERICAN STAMPS

In a recent number of the official *Postal Guide* the third assistant postmaster-general gave notice that the Pan-American series of postage stamps were ready for delivery to post-masters the latter part of April. These stamps were ordered by the postmaster-general at the instance of the authorities of the Pan-American Exposition, to be held in Buffalo from May to November, 1901. These series will include six stamps, and these will be, according to the statement of Edwin C. Madden, the third assistant postmaster-general, the most artistic series ever issued from the department.

The denomination, subject, color, &c., of each stamp are officially described as follows:

One cent.—Lake steamer, green, fast lake navigation.

Two cent.—Railway train, red, fast express.

Four cent.—Automobile, red, brown, automobile.

Five cent.—Steel arch bridge, blue, bridge at Niagara Falls.

Eight cent.—Ship canal locks, lilac, canal locks at Saulte Ste. Marie.

Ten cent.—Ocean steamship, light brown, fast ocean navigation.

The stamps are of uniform dimensions, .76 by 1.00 of an inch, the longer side being horizontal. The borders take the colors of the regular series of the same denominations at this date. The words "Commemorative series, 1901," and "United States of America," next below, appear above the vignette. The legend in a line next below the central opening, with the denomination in a line at the bottom, appears in the same order on all stamps of the series. All the lettering is in white Roman capitals. The numerals are all white faced Arabic in the Roman type except the 10 cent, which is the block letter type of the figure condensed to secure space for the two figures. The borders are well separated from the central pictures, and the words of denomination at the bottom are preceded on the same line by the word "postage." All the central illustrations are from photographs as the objects represented appear today, and are to be printed in black.

One cent.—The lake steamer presents the port bow; the pilothouse is well forward and it is propelled by side wheels.

Two cent.—The train of four cars is drawn by a locomotive with four drivers. Four parallel tracks are shown.

Four cent.—The automobile is of the closed coach order, with two men on the box and a part of the United States Capitol at Washington as a background.

Five cent.—This presents the largest single-span steel bridge in the world. Two trolley cars are seen upon it, and a full view of Niagara Falls is shown under, beyond and up the river, with the graceful springing arch as a frame.

Eight cent.—The great ship canal locks at Sault Ste. Marie Mich., are given in a view from a higher point, including the immediate surroundings.

Ten cent.—An ocean steamship of the American line, with two smokestacks and masts, presents its starboard bow lapped by a rising wave.

GUIDE TO WASHINGTON

The Passenger Department of the Baltimore & Ohio R. R. have issued a Guide to Washington, which in many respects excels all other guides published, both in artistic appearance and careful description of points of interest in the Capital City. The front cover of the book is embellished with a handsome steel engraved portrait of the "Stuart" Washington. The reverse cover bears an American flag in the grasp of an eagle. The inside pages contain recent photographs of all of the Government Buildings with correct information concerning them, together with other interesting features of the city, and the very latest map. Copies will be sold at the principal Ticket Offices of the Baltimore & Ohio R. R. for ten (10) cents cash, or will be mailed to any address on receipt of fifteen (15) cents in stamps on application to the undersigned.

"REASONS WHY"

"Reasons Why" is a forty-two page pamphlet giving in condensed form the important facts concerning the Baltimore & Ohio R. R. It is an argument setting forth the claims of the railroad for public consideration. This artistic booklet contains many half-tones and drawings illustrating the history, scenic charms, the development and progress of the railroad, and the superior service afforded to patrons. Single copies can be obtained of Ticket Agents, or will be mailed to any address on receipt of two (2) cents in postage stamps on application to the undersigned.

D. B. MARTIN,
Manager Passenger Traffic, Baltimore & Ohio R. R.
Baltimore, Md.

Delaware College Commencement

At the Delaware College commencement, June 19, orations are to be delivered by John Emory Chipman, Henry Goodman McComb, Elisha Monroe Baker, Richard Thompson Cann, Charles Daniel Stockley, Edgar Byron Griffin and Cecil Clark McDonald.

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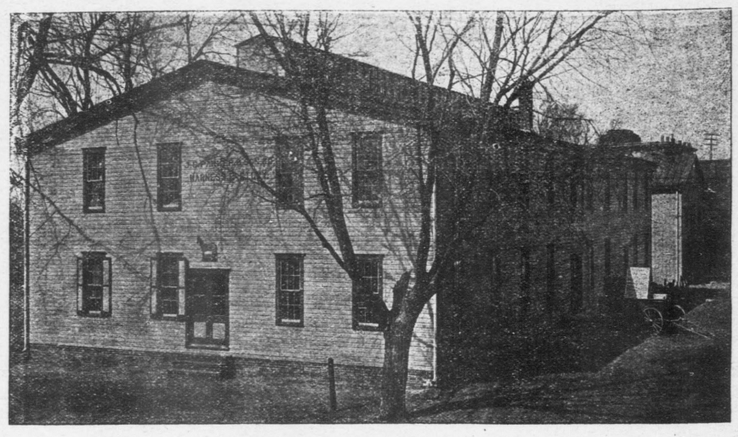

FACTORY OF J. C. PARKER & SON CO.

THERE is nothing more certain to increase a town's population, and stimulate the valuation of its property, than industry. The fact that Middletown's last census shows an increase in population, and that many dwellings have recently been erected and are occupied, gives cause for comment and congratulation. In our zeal to perpetuate this era of prosperity in our town, our attention is directed to one industry in our midst through which many tributaries of local trade are being fed. To show our appreciation of their existence and encourage their efforts, we dedicate the space of these columns to bring before our readers some interesting facts concerning their plant. The history of this plant as a wholesale house dates back to 1889. The beginning was a modest one and equally conservative, and while the first year's sales in the aggregate was proportionally small, it was sufficiently large to demonstrate the advantage of location, and with each successive year came large increases in sales and occasionally a change into larger quarters.

In 1899 the business was incorporated with an authorized capital of $75,000. Among the stockholders are numbered some of the best and most enterprising citizens of our town. With additional capital came advantages in buying goods and producing them cheaper by the addition of new machinery, and consequently a large increase in business, and now we find them located in their new and spacious factory on Green street West of Broad—a building 50x100 feet, two stories high, in all 10,000 feet of floor space. A visit to their plant reveals the fact that we have in our midst a strictly up-to-date harness and collar factory, thoroughly equipped with the most modern machinery and competent workmen. We find employed thirty-five men representing family members to the extent of seventy, all of whom are being clothed, fed and supplied with the necessaries of life to the profits of the merchants of the town.

At the semi-annual meeting of the directors April 1st, the following report was rendered by the president: Declaring a dividend of 3 per cent. on the preferred stock for the past six months, which was charged against the surplus account.

We heartily extend our congratulations and best wishes to the directors and stockholders of this incorporation, and we sincerely trust that their marvelous success of the past is only the beginning of the future, and that their gratifying results will have the tendency of drawing others to our town where they will find our Town Fathers ready and willing to offer any and all inducements to perpetuate their interests.

GETTYSBURG, LURAY, WASHINGTON

The battlefield of Gettysburg, the unique Luray Caverns, and the National Capital in all the glory of its Spring freshness, are attractions so alluring that few would feel like refusing to visit them. It is to place these three attractions within easy reach of every one that the Pennsylvania Railroad Company announces a tour over the battlefield, through the picturesque Blue Mountains, down the historic Shenanhoah Valley, visiting the famous caverns, and an entertaining stay at Washington.

The tour will leave New York 8.00 A. M., and Philadelphia 12.20 P. M., Saturday, May 18th, in charge of one of the Company's tourist agents, and will cover a period of five days. An experienced chaperon, whose especial charge will be unescorted ladies, will accompany the trip throughout. Round trip tickets, covering transportation, carriage drives, and hotel accommodations, will be sold at the *extremely low rate* of $25 from New York, $24 from Trenton, $22 from Philadelphia, and proportionate rates from other points.

For itineraries and full information apply to ticket agents; Tourist Agent, 1196 Broadway, New York; 4 Court Street, Brooklyn; 789 Broad Street, Newark, N. J.; or address Geo. W. Boyd, Assistant General Passenger Agent, Broad Street Station, Philadelphia.

Shot by Discharged Employ

William Frisby, colored, better known as Professor Frisby, who runs several bootblacking places in Wilmington, was shot in the thigh Monday by Charles Burkhardt, colored, whom he had discharged from his employ. After being discharged Burkhardt secured a revolver and after snapping it three times succeeded in firing one bullet. Frisby defended himself with a carpenter's claw hammer. Burkhardt was locked up and Frisby was taken to the Delaware Hospital.

Drying preparations simply develop dry catarrh; they dry up the secretions which adhere to the membrane and decompose, causing a far more serious trouble than the ordinary form of catarrh. Avoid all drying inhalants and use that which cleanses, soothes and heals. Ely's Cream Balm is such a remedy and will cure catarrh or cold in the head easily and pleasantly. All druggists sell it at 50 cents or it will be mailed by Ely Brothers, 56 Warren St., N. Y.

Chartered New Steamer

The Philadelphia and Lewes Transportation Company has chartered the steamer, General J. A. Dumont to run on the route between Philadelphia and Lewes. She will be started on May 15. The steamer has sixteen staterooms and is allowed to carry 800 passengers. She will be run in a respectable manner, without a bar, so that anyone who desires can make the trip without fear of rowdyism. She likely will make stops at Gordon Heights and Chester.

Double Track Draw at Laurel

Armstrong & Printzenhoff began last Friday the work of constructing a temporary turn out on the Delaware railroad at Laurel. The Pennsylvania, which controls the Delaware railroad, contemplates double-tracking it, and preparatory to this the company will put in solid masonary foundations for a two-track drawbridge over Laurel Creek.

FULL CROP OF FRUITS

Reports from all the county vice-presidents of the Peninsula Horticultural Society show that there is at this time a fine prospect for an abundant crop of all kinds of tree fruits. Without an exception the reports state "prospect for full crop of peaches." Pears are not quite so full of buds as last year, some orchards were badly injured by blight last summer. Strawberries did not make as many plants as usual, on account of dry weather. Raspberries were badly winter killed so that the crop will be very light. Some varieties of blackberries, notably the Wilson, are also injured. The season is backward, but the prospect was never better for a fine general crop of tree fruits of all kinds.

Bending a Free Man

Daniel J. Bending returned to his home in Harrington Monday night a free man, the grand jury having ignored the bill charging him with the murder of aged George W. Hearn. Twenty of the twenty-four jurors are said to have voted to ignore the bill. Bending walked with elastic tread to the railroad train carrying him back home. He was accompanied by his own pretty daughter and the two held a reception at the station, so numerous were the congratulations.

PAN-AMERICAN EXPOSITION, BUFFALO

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company announces the following special reduced rates to Buffalo, on account of the Pan-American Exposition, which opens on May 1:—

Summer excursion tickets, to be sold from April 30 to September 30, inclusive, and good to return until October 31, at rate of $20.00 from Washington, $18.00 from Baltimore, $17.00 from Philadelphia, and proportionate rates from other points.

Ten-day excursion tickets, to be sold, beginning May 1, and continuing every day thereafter during the Exposition, good going on regular trains and good returning within ten days, including date of sale, at rate of $16.80 from Washington, $15.00 from Baltimore, $13.50 from Philadelphia, and proportionate rates from other points.

Special excursion tickets, to be sold, good going only on Thursday, May 23, and good returning within seven days, including date of sale, at rate of $10.00 from Baltimore and Washington, $9.00 from Philadelphia, and proportionate rates from other points.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company now operates two through trains each way daily between Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington, and Buffalo.

Hughes Gets Three Years

James P. Hughes, who was convicted in the Kent county courts for taking a valuable diamond stud from the shirt front of Dr. R. Y. Watson, of Milford, on the last day of the Legislature, in the State House lobby, was Monday sentenced to three years' imprisonment and twenty lashes at the whipping-post today.

Hughes, who was represented by Senator Kenney, had two trials last week, the first jury failing to convict. The second jury was out just one hour and a half after receiving a strong charge from Chief Justice Lore.

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All Doctors have tried to cure CATARRH by the use of powders, acid gases, inhalers and drugs in paste form. Their powders dry up the mucuous membranes causing them to crack open and bleed. The powerful acids used in the inhalers have entirely eaten away the same membranes that their makers have aimed to cure, while pastes and ointments cannot reach the disease. An old and experienced practitioner who has for many years made a close study and specialty of the treatment of CATARRH, has at last perfected a Treatment which when faithfully used, not only relieves at once, but permanently cures CATARRH, by removing the cause, stopping the discharges, and curing all inflamation. It is the only remady known to science that actually reaches the afflicted parts. This wonderful remedy is known as "SNUFFLES the GUARANTEED CATARRH CURE" and is sold at the extremely low price of One Dollar, each package containing internal and external medicine sufficient for a full month's treatment and everything necessary to its perfect use.

"SNUFFLES" is the only perfect CATARRH CURE ever made and is now recognized as the only safe and positive cure for that annoying and disgusting disease. It cures all inflamation quickly and permanently and is also wonderfully quick to relieve HAY FEVER or COLD in the HEAD.

CATARRH when neglected often leads to CONSUMPTION—"SNUFFLES" will save you if you use it at once. It is no ordinary remedy, but a complete treatment which is positively guaranteed to cure CATARRH in any form or stage if used according to the directions which accompany each package. Don't delay but send for it at once, and write full particulars as to your condition, and you will receive special advice from the discoverer of this wonderful remedy regarding your case without cost to you beyond the regular price of "SNUFFLES" the "GUARANTEED CATARRH CURE."

Sent prepaid to any address in the United States or Canada on receipt of One Dollar. Address EDWIN B. GILES & COMPANY, 2330 and 2332 Market Street, Philadelphia.

DID SECRET DIE WITH HIM

The secret of the process of canning the delicate meat of the crab may never be known, and it is possible that the industry which has been carried on only at Hampton, Va., for years may have to discontinue operations for lack of the receipt which was used by James McMekamin, the wealthy crab packer, who died Saturday at John Hopkins Hospital after an operation for stone in the kidney. According to a special dispatch to the *Sun* from Newport News, Va. Mr. McMekamin never, so far as is known, revealed his secret to anybody, and unless it is contained in his will it is probable that the formula which made his fortune died with the discoverer.

Startled Hospital Superintendent

Daniel Brown, colored, suffering from small-pox, was driven in a carriage to the main building of the New Castle County Hospital Sunday night, without obtaining permit or permission. He was met at the door by Superintendent McCoy, who, on learning of the case, ordered the man away. He was sent to the pest house on the same grounds.

The man was a resident of Wilmington and it is feared that the negroes may yet inoculate the city, although the health officers are attempting to prevent it. Who owned the carriage or who the driver was has not been learned.

... Throughout the State ...

PLENTY OF BERRIES

Farmers in the lower part of the State, especially in Sussex are preparing for the berry season. The mild weather is causing strawberries to blossom out, and indications point to an enormous crop. Bridgeville will be the heaviest shipping station in the State. Growers are already making preparations for the crop in the way of erecting packing houses and securing pickers. Growers who have agents in Maryland state that there will be no difficulty in obtaining pickers from that State, as the smallpox epidemic has abated.

Copious showers of the past few days have greatly benefitted growing vegetation of all kinds, and fields of wheat and peas are looking finer than usual at this season of the year. The acreage of peas is larger this season, as pea-growing has become one of the leading industries of this section during the past few years.

Prospects remain good for a big apple crop, and the crop of Winter varieties especially will be larger.

Prominent peach growers state that if the crop is not damaged from now on, from thirty to forty cars will be shipped daily from Bridgeville during the height of the season.

A large acreage of tomatoes and sugar corn will be grown for the canneries this season. The growth of the latter is very profitable in this section.

Prospects remain excellent for large crops of cherries, plums, and in fact, all kinds of small fruit.

FOUR-YEAR-OLD PRODIGY

Milford boasts the possession of a youthful literary, historical and mathematical prodigy, in the person of Arthur John Hall Harper, the four-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. W. Harper. The child can with ease give the names of all the Presidents in order, giving some of the most important events happening during their terms of office, and the states in which they were born. He can give the names of the leading revolutionary generals. He can count with great fluency into the thousands, and can tell the title of the leading novels and names of their authors. The child can read a newspaper with ease, and is familiar with the history of the Cuban and Philippine wars. He even remembers the newspaper account of the death of General Lawton, and even describes the white helmet and rain coat the General wore when killed. He can write a legible hand and spells every word correctly.

BOTKIN CASE

The case of Mrs. Cordelia Botkin, was called in the Superior Court of California at San Francisco, on Saturday for the purpose of fixing a date for the new trial.

The State asked that the case be heard June 18. Mrs. Botkin's attorney objected, and in his argument hinted that the case would be carried to the United States Courts to decide the question of whether the State of California or Delaware has jurisdiction. After some argument June 7 was agreed upon as the date for fixing the day of trial.

Mr. Ward when seen Monday said he had sent a letter to the California authorities about a week ago stating that the witnesses could not go west before July 1. Some of them cannot possibly go before that time. He will endeavor to do as the California authorities desire in the matter of sending out witnesses. No steps will be taken by Mr. Ward until he receives a reply to his letter.

CONFERENCE ACADEMY

It is reported that the reorganization of the Wilmington Conference Academy faculty will result as follows: Professor Arthur M. Gates (Wesleyan, A. M., '95)., will be offered the chair of Latin, Roman History and Mythology; Professor Charles Wilson Easley, A. M. (Dickinson, '99), that of Mathematics and Science; Professor Emma R. Potter (B. P., Syracuse University), that of French, Drawing and Painting; Mrs. Grace Easley, German; Mrs. Minnia Palmer Gates (Montpelier Seminary), English and Preparatory Branches. The commencement exercises at the academy will be held on Thursday, June 13, and Sunday, June 9, will be observed as commencement Sunday. Principal Cecil A. Ewing is arranging an interesting program for the entire week.

FARMERS SWINDLED

Farmers in the vicinity of New Castle have been recently victimized by a smooth-tongued stranger, claiming New York as his home. They are now in communication with the police of Wilmington. The method was to show a line of samples of soaps and offer to give carpets with the soap when a certain amount was purchased. He carried the samples of carpets. The farmers bit hard and ordered the soap, chose the samples of carpets, had the rooms measured and on the solicitation of the man in many cases he received the whole amount of the value of the soap ordered. A family named Blackburn purchased several lots of soap in order to receive the extra carpets without cost. The amounts realized were from $8 to $15.

JOHN S. HOFFECKER DEAD

John S. Hoffecker, who was stricken with apoplexy on Sunday night while offering prayer in Union Methodist Episcopal Church, Wilmington, died at his home No. 1216 Market street early Monday night. The deceased was about 65 years of age and leaves a wife and several children. Mr. Hoffecker had always enjoyed good health, which made the sudden attack all the more surprising to his family and many friends. He never regained consciousness after being stricken and grew weaker each hour.

THEIR MARRIAGE A FAILURE

The trial list for the May term of Superior Court, which will open May 20, is out. It shows 102 cases on the trial and 51 cases on the argument list. In the latter number are the following divorce cases:

Mary E. Primrose vs. Henry Primrose, Sibyl Ida Swartz vs. Samuel C. Swartz, Mary E. Hammond vs. William Hammond, Bertha O'Brien vs. Walter W. O'Brien, Sarah C. Beloe vs. Walter E. C. Beloe, Edith W. Dougherty vs. Joseph J. Dougherty, William R. Bevan vs. Elizabeth Bevan, Frank H. Chambers vs. Emma L. Chambers, Lavina E. Broughton vs. William S. Broughton, Gheretin Y. Pyle vs. Joseph P. Pyle, Lottie C. Middleton vs. James Thomas Middleton, Rosa Pattey vs. Robert S. Pattey, Eliza Knotts vs. William J. Knotts, Hannah May McMullen vs. Joseph A. McMullen, Marum Scarbor vs. Robert H. Scarbor, George W. Johnson vs. Elizabeth Y. Johnson, Maude S. Rice vs. Courtland Rice, Preston M. Vincent vs. Annabell Vincent, John Q. A. Houghton vs. Josephine M. Houghton, Bertha Eastburn vs. Ibind Eastburn, James H. Coffin vs. Ella E. Coffin, Mary Pennington vs. John I. Pennington, John B. Miller vs. Emma J. Miller, Mary L. Jones vs. William Jones, Gertrude Rock vs. Frank E. Rock, Annie F. Whitcraft vs. John F. Whitcraft, Cornelius B. Short vs. Margaret S. Short, James N. Flanagan vs. Mary Flanagan, Helen W. Jameson vs. Charles W. Jameson, Aubrey Thatcher vs. Fanny E. Thatcher, Emma M. Munz vs. Gustave R. Munz.

FOUND OLD RECORDS

Some old records were found in the office of Prothonotary Moore in Dover a few days ago which are very interesting.

One, a well preserved but rudely bound copy of all the legal proceedings or common pleas of Kent county, dated 1680 when the county was under King George II. It contains many curious records which are the sale of the bodies and souls of white men for debt. Records of stock marks with diagrams of parts clipped from the animal ears.

Another interesting record is a general account of the county of Kent on Delaware for the year 1734, containing the names of all the taxables of the county together with the sums of them rated and all the debts due from said county to sundry persons for that year as also the public charges. The rate was 7 pence per £. Many of the names are familiar and some of them have been so changed that there is no way of recognizing them to-day. The total amount of the value or the value or assessment of each hundred is also given.

The records show that the value of all the real estate in Kent county 167 years ago was $64,000.

FATALLY SHOT BY COMPANION

Peter Grant, colored, was shot in the stomach while standing on the door step of his house, at Hockessin, early Sunday morning and died about three hours after being admitted to the Delaware Hospital, Wilmington. In an ante-mortem statement he accused George Cornish, colored, of shooting him, but said he did not want Cornish prosecuted. Constable Smith, of Hockessin, started in search of Cornish Sunday afternoon. Grant was 22 years old and he came from Virginia. According to his statement, he Cornish, and another man had been out with friends Saturday night until past midnight, when Cornish left the party and went to their cabin. About 3 o'clock Sunday morning Grant says he reached the cabin and knocked on the door. Cornish inquired who was knocking, and Grant said he made no answer. The next instant the door was opened and a man he said was Cornish fired point blank at him with a revolver. The dying man made his ante-mortem statement to Policeman McBride and Reilly, of the Wilmington force.

SUSSEX'S PEACH CROP

Prospects for a big peach season are more favorable to-day than they have been for several seasons. This is the information that comes from Bridgeville, the heart of the Delaware peach belt, and there is much rejoicing in consequence, particularly so among the growers of the fruit. John T. Gray, railroad agent in the Sussex town, is responsible for the information. He says the trees are set fairly, their buds are well developed and in fact the trees are in better condition at this time than for many years. The danger from frost having been passed, there is nothing to prevent an unusually large crop of the fruit.

PRESIDENTIAL SPECIAL

The special train which was prepared at the Pullman Palace Car Company's works Wilmington for the President's trip across the continent, departed Sunday morning for Washington at 9.14 o'clock over the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore Railroad. It ran as the second section of train No. 27, and was drawn by engine No. 140, with Engineer Green and Conductor Wyman. A large crowd was at the station to see the train start. The train comprised six Pullman cars, all of those previously described except the dining-car, St. James, which had been sent on ahead to be stocked.

Rehoboth Booming

Rehoboth is enjoying a building boom, and a number of cottages are nearing completion. Hotel men are looking forward to a successful season. Beginning with the opening of the season, excursions will be run over the Queen Anne railroad every Sunday. There is talk of running Sunday excursions from Washington also.

The Middletown Transcript

Trains Leave Middletown as Follows:

North Bound—3 30, 7 50, 9 20 and 10.28 a. m. 4.16 and 8.02 p. m.
South Bound—12.54, 9.11 and 11 50 a m ; 3.54 5 18 and 7 51 p. m.

Mails Close as Follows.

Going North—7.30 a. m , 10.05 a. m., 3.55 and 5.40 p. m.
Going South—8.50 a. m., 5.10 p. m.
For Odessa—9.10 a. m., 11.40 a. m., 5.30 p. m.
For Warwick, Cecilton, Earlville and Sassafras—9.15 a. m.

MIDDLETOWN, DEL., MAY 4, 1901.

Local News.

House cleaning is now in order.

Good Prunes 5 cents lb.
H. C. DEVALINGER.

Trees are taking on their Spring attire.

Full line of Fresh Groceries at E. F. INGRAM'S.

The noise of the lawn mower can now be heard.

The weather of the week has been fine and everyone has been buisy.

Garden Seeds and seed potatoes—best varieties.—E. F. INGRAM.

Arbuckles Coffee 2 lbs for 25 cents.
H. C. DEVALINGER.

300,000 Early Cabbage Plants for sale. E. J. STEEL, Florist, Middletown, Del.

WHEELWRIGHT WANTED—Apply to J. C. GREEN, Middletown, Delaware.

DR. W. E. BARNARD, Surgeon Dentist, office Southeast corner of Main and Scott streets.

"Insurance" Gasoline, Blue Flame Oil and other Gasoline STOVES. Full stock at right prices.—MIDDLETOWN HARDWARE HOUSE.

WANTED.—We want 1,000 pounds of country lard; will pay the highest cash prices for same.—MIDDLETOWN GROCERY HOUSE.

SEED POTATOES FOR SALE.—200 baskets Sweet Potatoes for seed at the Middletown Greenhouses.—E. J. STEELE, Florist, Middletown, Del.

Mr. William A. Cochran, Jr., will open a harness shop at Townsend, Monday, May 15th, where he will do all kinds of repair work and jobbing.

The regular monthly meeting of the C. C. Browne Home Mission Circle was held at the home of Miss Lillie Carty on Friday evening, at 7.30 o'clock.

DIAMOND CONDITION POWDERS for horses and cattle, promotes digestion, improves the hair and restores a healthy condition, 15 cents a pk. at PEARSON'S PHARMACY.

Miss Vinie Lynch, who has been leading soprano and leader of the Forest Presbyterian Church choir for the past twelve years, has tendered her resignation.

ROSES FOR SALE.—I will have in stock 500 Rose Plants next week. Persons wanting roses I will be pleased to supply them.—E. J. STEELE, Florist, Middletown, Del.

Wanted at once, elderly lady as housekeeper on small farm one and one-half miles from Odessa; fair wages and good home. Call or address.—CHARLES H. WORKMAN, Odessa, Del.

This is the time of the year to tone up horses and cattle that are run down, hide bound or wormy. Baum's Stock Food will do it.—For Sale by J. F. MCWHORTER & SON, Middletown, Del.

MONEY TO LOAN.—I have at Washington, D. C., in Saving Bank, $6,335.63, that I will Loan on Six per cent. interest, paid in advance. No loan accepted only on First Mortgage.—C. H. MESSICK, Middletown, Del.

The Pool Tournament at the Volunteer Hose House was concluded Wednesday evening, and the prize winners are as follows, Frank C. Jolls in Class A; A. R. Kilpatrick, in Class B; G. Lindsay Cochran, in Class C.

The property of E. R. Cochran on Bombay Hook, having more acres perhaps than any farm in Kent county, was not sold last week by Sheriff Reedy, as advertised. The owners paid the costs and were granted a stay of execution.

A large stock on hand of both "AMERICAN" FIELD FENCE, and "ELLWOOD" FIELD, HOG and POULTRY FENCE, and will be sold as low as the lowest. Learn our prices before buying elsewhere as we will not be undersold.
MIDDLETOWN HARDWARE HOUSE.

Bethesda Epworth League meets in the lecture room of the M. E. Church every Sunday evening at 6.45 o'clock. The topic for to-morrow evening is "Decision of Character." Rev. 3:14-16; Prov. 4:23-27. Leader, William B. Kates.

Before going on his Western trip, President McKinley named J. Morton Poole of Wilmington, and Frederick Curtis Clark of Glasgow, alternate, for cadetship in the naval college in Annapolis. The alternate appointee is the 17 year-old son of Delaware Clark, Recorder of Deeds of this county.

Corn has reached the 55 cent mark in the Baltimore market and for the last week has held steadily about that price. This is encourging news to our farmers, as there is money in growing the crop at that figure, and it is probable a large acreage will be planted this spring.

Services at Bethesda M. E. Church tomorrow will be as follows: 9.30 A. M., class meeting; 10.30, Sacramental Service; 2 P. M., Sabbath School; 6.45 Epworth League; 7.30, preaching by the pastor, subject, "The Divine Exhibition and Requirement." Sermon to the men of Middletown. All are invited and made welcome to these services.

At a meeting of the Sunday School Board of Forest Presbyterian Sunday School held Wednesday evening, it was decided to devote some time each Wednesday evening after the regular Prayer meeting to the study of the Sunday School lesson for the following Sabbath. It was also decided to observe Children's Day the first Sunday in June.

The Delaware Railroad will in all probability be a double track line from Wilmington to Townsend before next winter. Much work has been planned and it is expected that more will be done this Summer than for several years. The roadbed for the second track is now being graded between this town and Kirkwood, and new culverts, suitable for a double track road are being built over the streams at Noxentown and Barlow's, north of Townsend, and other work of the same character is to follow. The impression of the railroad men is that the company's intention is to double the track over the entire line, and as much of that work will be completed this year as possible.

The small boy is anticipating the first swim of the season.

Ladies' Up-to-date Shoes at $1.00 a pair.—E. F. INGRAM.

Go to Burrows' for all kinds of Bicycles at the very Lowest Prices.

Large supply of Salt on hand for salting fish.—H. C. DEVALINGER.

Headquarters for foreign and domestic fruit.—MIDDLETOWN GROCERY HOUSE.

The latest creations of the milliner's art at moderate prices.—E. F. INGRAM.

Bicycle Sundries as low as the lowest. Repairing a specialty.—J. H. BURROWS.

TRUSSES.—See the Dr. Rorick Pneumatic Truss, ease, durability, sure holder.—BRAGDON & CO.

Large quantity of Rock Salt for the Spring trade.—H. C. DEVALINGER.

On and after April 1st, I will be at my Greenhouse every evening until 9 o'clock P. M.—E. J. STEELE, Florist.

Mr. J. Fletcher Deakyne will be ordained as Ruling Elder in Forest Presbyterian Church to-morrow morning.

LIME! LIME! LIME!
For best Wrightsville Land Lime get prices from John W. Jolls before purchasing.

Now is the time—before warm weather begins—to fortify the system by taking a good tonic—Pearson's Beef, Iron and Wine.

We always lead them all on WALL BRUSHES. Largest stock, best goods and lowest prices.—MIDDLETOWN HARDWARE HOUSE.

Have you seen the BELMONT BICYCLE? Well you don't want to miss seeing it if thinking of buying a wheel.—BURROWS sells it.

Messrs. William Boulden and Fletcher Conner have purchased a new threshing machine, which has all the latest improvements.

April this year, was not only a month of showers, but mostly of steady rain. There were few days during the month but what rain fell.

FOR SALE.—1,000 Grape Vines, two years old, good strong roots, 60 cents per dozen; $4.00 per 100.—E. J. STEELE, Middletown, Del.

Painters and carpenters are adding much to the appearance of the Gibbs property on North Broad street, occupied by Mr. P. L. McWhorter.

We want it understood that we buy more eggs and pay more cash money than any other dealer in Middletown.—MIDDLETOWN GROCERY HOUSE.

Ladies are requested to call at my store and inspect the Cresco Corset. Special until May 30th, only.
MRS. G. W. PETERSON.

Have just received a new lot of Fancy Novelty Silks for Outing Hats. Also a new supply of Dress Hats and artistic Trimmings.—MRS. A. M. MCKEE.

Have just received half car load of white potatoes. These potatoes are excellent for seed and eating purposes. Prices low.
MIDDLETOWN GROCERY HOUSE.

On the first page of this issue will be found a very interesting history together with a cut of the new and commodious harness factory of the J. C. Parker & Son Co.

If you want your Laundry done right, take it to J. H. Burrows, agent for I. X. L. and Nonpareil Laundries. Gloss or domestic finish. Work collected and delivered.

The bright sunshine and balmy breezes of Sunday brought out a large number of people, all of our churches being well attended at both the morning and evening services.

J. Frank Brinkerhoff, specialist in lenses for the eye, will again be at Mrs. Massey's jewelry store in Middletown, on Tuesday, May 7th. No charge to examine your eyes.

The minstrel performance given in the Opera House last Friday evening by the Barlow & Wilson's show, was below the standard. The performers were greeted by a very poor house.

The "Rough and Ready" base ball club has organized and would like to hear from all clubs with players under 16 years of age. Address Evert C. Holt, Captain, Middletown, Del.

The Young Peoples Society of Christian Endeavor of Forest Presbyterian Church, meets every Sunday evening at 6.45 o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended to everybody. The topic for to-morrow evening is "Decision of Character." Rev. 3:14-16; Prov. 4: 23-27.

Now ready to supply our patrons with Fertilizers for all Spring Crops from our Warehouses at Middletown and Newark, Del., and Kennedyville, Md., having several car loads stored at each point.
JESSE L. SHEPHERD,
S. M. REYNOLDS, AGT.
'Phone No. 5.

Unclaimed Letters.—The following list of letters remain unclaimed in the post office for the week ending April 25th: Miss Mary E. Cooper, Miss Lizzie Salvin, Miss Annie E. Scott, Mrs. Sanillar Tetbell, Miss Edie Waters, C. W. Ayars, T. C. Hammond, care of Osborne agent; John M. Hart, Elmer Laws, postal card; Frank Morris, P. H. Musgrave.

What better assortment of wheels do you want to select from, if you want to buy, than the following: For $75 we will give you a Columbia, chainless; for $60 an Eagle Racer, Rambler or Crescent, chainless; for $50 a Columbia; for $40 an Eagle or Rambler; for $35 a Hartford, Crescent or Eagle; for $25 a Vedette, Crescent, Ideal or Eagle; for $20 a Storm King or Belmont; other wheels at prices from $16 up.—J. H. BURROWS.

FOR SALE.—1000 bushels Northern grown "Early Rose" Potatoes, at 85c. per bushel. 500 bushels "Crown Jewel" Potatoes, at 85c. per bushel. 700 bushels Early Beauty of Hebron" Potatoes, at 85c. per bushel. 100 bushels White Onion Setts, at $2.50 per bushel. 100 bushels Yellow Onion Setts, at $2.25 per bushel. 800 bushels Cow Peas, at $1.50 to $1.75 per bushel. 1000 bushels Western grown Clover Seed, at $6.50 to $7.00 per bushel.
J. E. HOLLAND,
Milford, Del.

An observing advertiser says that when a woman takes up a newspaper she first turns to the advertisements. This will not be disputed by persons who have seen how women crowd the stores. A part of their business in life is to buy things, and it is as natural that they should be interested in advertisements as it is that the stock speculator should be interested in the ticker. Any advertisement which contains news about desirable commodities will be widely read.

PERSONALITIES

Mrs. C. M. Stanger is visiting in Philadelphia.

Mr. J. H. Emerson was in Philadelphia Thursday.

Miss Fannie Burstan is visiting friends in Philadelphia.

Mr. E. S. Jones was in Wilmington Thursday evening.

Mr. William I. Berry was a Delaware City visitor this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Foulk were in Wilmington Thursday.

Miss E. May Conner is visiting her brother near Elkton, Md.

Dr. W. E. Barnard was in Philadelphia Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mrs. Nellie Granville, of Dover, is visiting Mrs. O. M. Matthews.

Mr. Theodore Kumpel was the guest of Philadelphia friends Sunday.

Mrs. Nathaniel Williams was a Philadelphia visitor on Wednesday.

Miss Clarissa Richards, of Wilmington, was the guest of her parents Sunday.

Mr. William A. Hukill, Jr., spent Sunday with his parents in Wilmington.

Mrs. T. S. Fouracre and Miss Hattie Cullen were in Philadelphia Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. William Brockson were among our Quaker City visitors Wednesday.

Mr. J. B. Goff, of Akron, Pa., spent Sunday with his family on East Main street.

Miss Retta Emerson, of Wilmington, was entertained Sunday by Miss Mary Maxwell.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Webster Hill, of Maryland, spent Sunday with her mother in this town.

Miss Anne Jefferson, of Milford, spent several days of this week with Mrs. Walter Monro.

Miss O'Donnell, of Philadelphia, has accepted a position with Miss Lillian Scott as milliner.

Mr. Philip Burk, of this town, has secured a position with the Smyrna Ice and Cold Storage Co. as engineer.

Mr. R. H. Bragdon, of Philadelphia, was among our visitors Sunday being the guest of his brother, J. G. Bragdon.

We are glad to state that Mr. John P. McIntyre is improving, and his friends hope to see him out in a short while.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Emerson were over Sunday visitors at Wyoming, being the guests of Governor and Mrs. John Hunn.

Mr. C. M. Stanger attended the Twenty-first Annual Encampment of the G. A. R. of Delaware, held at Smyrna Thursday.

Mrs. John Hunn and daughter, Miss Alice, of Wyoming, were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Emerson Wednesday and Thursday.

Mrs. John Solway and daughter, Miss Lillian, and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Bailey were the guest of relatives near Greenspring on Sunday.

Levy Court Commissioner, Isaac C. Elliott, of Brandywine Hundred, was among our visitors Wednesday, being the guest of Commissioner M. N. Willits.

The many friends of Mr. F. H. Burgess will learn with pleasure of his rapid recovery from typhoid fever. Mr. Burgess has been confined to his home at Ridley Park for the past five weeks and we will all be glad to see him in our midst again.

DEATH OF J. CLAYTON MASSEY

J. Clayton Massey, the well-known jeweler of No. 404 King street, Wilmington, died Wednesday morning at his residence, No. 1204 Market street, after a protracted illness. He was 51 years of age. Mr. Massey was born at Bohemia Manor, Md. When he was a child his parents removed to New Castle. There he learned the trade of a jeweler under his father, Samuel E. Massey. He removed to Wilmington about 30 years ago and had since resided there. He was a member of Eden Lodge and Delaware Encampment, I. O. O. F., and was a past grand master of the Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows. He was also a member of Oriental Lodge, Knights of Pythias. At one time he was a member of the Board of Education. Mr. Massey is survived by his wife and one son, Frank. The funeral will take place to-day with services at the house at 3 o'clock. Mr. Massey was a brother of the late Thomas W. Massey, of this town, and was well-known here.

A CASE OF A CHARTER

In the case of the Mutual Loan Association of Middletown vs. Harry Davis and Albert Price, which was heard by the Chancellor Thursday of last week, the question was whether the charter was legally renewed. It had expired February 25th, 1893, and the act renewing it was passed April 11th the same year, but it was not recorded until July 11, 1900, whereas the law requires that such an act must be recorded within one year of its passage. Under an old decision, when a charter of such an organization expired the association dissolved, its real estate going to the grantors, its personal property to the State, and its debts becoming extinguished.—*Every Evening.*

MOBRAY-GILCH WEDDING

On Monday at 1.30 o'clock, Miss Catherine Gilch, of Odessa, was married to Mr. Robert W. Mobray, a prominent attorney of Baltimore. It was a beautiful home wedding. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. William O. Hurst, and the maid-of-honor was Miss Lidie Gilch, of Atlantic City, sister of the bride, and Mr. Wentz, of Baltimore, was best man. The ushers were John Keegan, of Atlantic City, and George L. Townsend, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Mowbray left on the 4.16 train for a short trip, after which they will reside in Baltimore.

GOVERNOR HUNN INITIATED

Governor Hunn Thursday evening was initiated as an honorary member into Winona Council, Junior Order United American Mechanics, in Wilmington, with impressive ceremonies. Two hotel members were initiated at the same time, they being Evan Gallagher and Linton Howett. The council room was crowded with members who were anxious to witness the initiation of the governor, which was an honor for Winona Council, a body although comparatively young yet making rapid strides, and including some of the foremost Wilmingtonians in its membership.

THE TRANSCRIPT $1.00 per year.

CASH AND PRINTERS INK

The casual visitor to one room of the store of J. B. Messick has no idea of the extent of this growing store. The eight rooms all filled to over-flowing with goods, and during April Mr. Messick found it necessary to enlarge his clothing room which [illegible] to accommodate his constantly increasing stock in this line.

The classification of goods is as follows: Room No. 1.—Dry goods, notions and drapings. Room No. 2.—Clothing and gents furnishings. Room No. 3.—Shoes. Room No. 4.—Hardware, tinware, agateware. Room No. 5.—Carpets, mattings and oil cloths. Room No. 6.—Ladies' and children's coats, wrappers and skirts. Room No. 7.—Queensware, glassware and lamps. Room No. 8.—Trunks, etc.

If the newspaper man were asked to explain he would say: "Cash and printers ink did it," coupled with the excellent business qualifications which Mr. Messick possesses, and the polite service rendered by the sales ladies and gentlemen in his employ.

Mr. Messick's system of cash buying and cash selling is growing in favor each year, and the people of this community are fast learning the advantages given them at the cash store over the so-called credit stores. These facts should be very gratifying to Mr. Messick, also to the citizens of Middletown. There is push, good judgment and fair dealing behind the business of the Cochran Block store, and these must win.

ROLLS OF HONOR

Middletown Public Schools.

The following pupils have attained an average of 95 per cent. or more for the month of April:

DEPARTMENT No. 1.—Bayard Eliason, Louise McDowell, Sylvia Moore, Esther Shallcross, James Davis, Elias Shallcross, Evert Holt, Sewell Downs, Edgar Rowe, Harry Reynolds, Julian Foard, Josephine Salmon, Boys Salmon, Elizabeth Savin, Elsie Jones, Pierce Aldrich, Joseph Conegys, Ethel Rowe.

DEPARTMENT No. 2.—Grover Bendler, Lillian Solway, Lizzie Holten, George Allee, May Kumpel, Mary Lewis, Clarence Donovan, Maude Deakyne, Emma Kelley, Warren Ellicott, Douglas Lockwood, Edna Banning, Jacob Burstan, Anna Denny, Victor Jones, Louise McCrone, Lottie Jolls, Clara Whitlock, Alverda Edwards, Fred Blome, Josephine Cochran, Sallie Grimm.

DEPARTMENT No. 3.—Helen Rowe, Emily Allee, Lillian Walker, James Adkins, Ida Armstrong, J. C. Parker, Alice Dawson, Flora Blome, Jean Metten, Norman Cleaver, Nellie Armstrong, Reece Darlington.

DEPARTMENT No. 4—Joseph Walker, Mary Richards, Iola Buehm, Estelle Beasten, Elsie Boulden, Sophie Blome, Bertha Jones, Fannie McCrone, Julia Maul.

DEPARTMENT No. 5.—Lola Carrol, Bertha Whitlock, Rosy Weber, Lena Weber, Nellie Pyle, Elva Foulke, Leah Berkman, Bernice Bramble, Lily Bennington, Grace Connelly, Mabel Dawson, Lola Ingram, Miriam Berkman, Viola Weber, Elsie Warren, Erle Whitlock, Lionel Daily, Rupert Burstan.

MAN ADRIFT IDENTIFIED

The body of the fisherman found adrift in a boat on the Delaware river on Wednesday night was identified Thursday evening as that of Benjamin Wood of Marcus Hook, a prosperous fisherman, with many friends who were anxious about his prolonged absence. The identification was made by "Bert" Everson, a well-known base ball pitcher, and John J. Richardson of Marcus Hook, who had read a description of the dead man, and visited Undertaker James T. Chandler to view the body.

As soon as they saw the hat worn by the unfortunate man Everson said: "That is Ben's." A glance at the body confirmed their suspicions. Wood was a fine looking man, who owned a large fishing fleet, and had many friends.

He left Marcus Hook early Wednesday morning to fish the tide and nothing further was heard of him. When the description of the dead man was read by Marcus Hook folk they thought he surely must be Wood. He has a brother in Camden, N. J., and he lived with the family of Alfred Wallen at Marcus Hook. The body was taken there for interment.

That the exact cause of death might be learned, Dr. James A. Draper, Jr., Thursday afternoon held an autopsy. He found that the heart and kidneys were affected, and death evidently was due to exhaustion after Wood had hauled his net. When found several fish were entangled in the meshes.

EXCITING MAD DOG SCARE

As the result of a mad dog scare in Thoroughfare Neck three weeks ago, in which an unknown dog affected with the rabbies had been on the rampage, is now beginning to show telling effects. The dog was killed at the time by Thomas Wrench, but not until it had bitten a milch cow belonging to Charles Walker of near Collin's Beach. The cow showed signs of the rabbies in eighteen days, and on Saturday was killed to end it of its miseries. James Jones of the same neighborhood had four of his flock of sheep bitten. Just to what extent the rabid dog made its ravages is not known, but it has caused some alarm to the residents in the lower part of Thoroughfare Neck.—*Smyrna Times.*

MARY CLENDANIEL RETURNS

Mary Clendaniel, the 12-year-old daughter of W. P. Clendaniel, of Dover, who was sent to the Baltimore City Hospital by the Town Council to receive the Pasteur treatment, returned home Wednesday. The physicians assure the parents that their little daughter had received a successful treatment and is now out of danger. The parents desire to thank the Town Council and citizens of Dover for their kindness and assistance. Clerk of the Dover Council, Ezekiel Cooper, has received a letter from the State Bacteriological and Pathological Laboratory stating that the head of the dog, that bit the little girl, shows the presence of hydrophobia and the case is therefore one of rabies.—*Dover Index.*

Preachers Should Pay Board

The Rev. O. W. DeVenish writes in the *Peninsula Methodist* in favor of having all the sessions of the Wilmington Methodist Episcopal Conference held in Wilmington henceforth, and each minister to pay for his own entertainment. He sees no reason why any church or town should entertain 200 men for a week free.

Y. P. S. C. E. MEETING

PORT PENN, DEL., May 3, 1901.

A special meeting of the Y. P. S. C. E. was held in the Presbyterian Church, April 29th. It was conducted by J. H. Burns, State President, and was of unusual interest. He arranged the programme and brought speakers from Wilmington for the occasion. It was a beautiful moonlight evening and all passed off well, St. Georges and Delaware City sent hacks full of enterprising Endeavorers, and the Epworth League also turned out well, so that the audience was good. The president of our society introduced President Burns and he was instantly greeted by the Chautauqua salute. Rev. Mr. Hudson, pastor of the Methodist Church, conducted devotional exercises. Miss Isabel Crawford gave an excellent address on "Missions;" Mrs. Lane on "Consecration;" Mrs. J. H. Burns sang "Full Surrender" as a solo, the congregations joining in the choruses, this was very effective; Rev. J. J. Huston, of the United Presbyterian Church, Wilmington, spoke on "Enthusiasm;" President Burns on the "Best Society;" Rev. John Willis, pastor of the Port Penn Presbyterian Church, made a few remarks. The music was good and the whole service enjoyable. The church was prettily decorated with japonica, calla lilies, palms, begonias and other beautiful plants and flowers.

G. A. R. ENCAMPMENT

Department Commander William A. Reilly, of Phil Sheridan Post, No. 23, of Wilmington, presided at the twenty-first annual encampment of the G. A. R. of Delaware, held at Smyrna Thursday. Soldiers from all over the State, numbering about 156, were in attendance. Great interest was manifested in the selection of a commander, the two candidates—John Worrall, of Pleasant Hill and John C. Garner, of Smyrna—having strong followings.

Resolutions were read thanking the Legislature for its action in making a liberal appropriation for the proper observance of Memorial Day, extending the sum alloted for the fund to bury indigent soldiers and sailors, and for other legislation. The visitors were the guests of Hancock Post, No. 23, of Smyrna.

NEWSPAPER CHANGES OWNERS

The Greensborough *Free Press* has been sold at mortgagee's sale to L. Irving Jones, the secretary-treasurer of the *Free Press* Publishing Company, which has heretofore owned the paper, and of which Assemblyman Calvin Satterfield was president, for $1,250. Mr. Jones has been the editor of the paper since its purchase from Risdon Plummer, and will continue to conduct it. The plant is one of the most complete on the Eastern Shore. The *Free Press* is a bright and newsy paper and we wish Brother Jones much success as its owner.

ROBINSON'S OFFER REJECTED

Representatives of Isaac Robinson have been endeavoring to compromise with the creditors who hold claims in Kent county, but up to the present time have been unable to do so. Mr. Robinson offers to pay in cash 15 per cent. and 5 per cent. by note of a new company. If this proposition is accepted the canneries are to be operated on a cash basis during the coming season. Many Maryland creditors accepted the offer but the Delaware creditors through the advice of their attorneys have not done so.

I like to see the springtime come
No protest would I utter
If 'twere not for the nasty taste
Of garlic in the butter.

CURRENT PRICES

MIDDLETOWN GRAIN MARKET.
CORRECTED WEEKLY BY JOHN W. JOLLS.

Wheat—No. 1	75	Corn—	
No. 2	72	Yellow, shelled	45
Timothy Seed	$2.50	" cob	40
Clover Seed lb	13c	Oats	30

MIDDLETOWN PRODUCE MARKET.
CORRECTED WEEKLY BY W. T. CONNELLEE.

Eggs, per doz	11@13
Country Butter, per lb	22@25
Creamery Butter, per lb	27
Lard, per lb	8@10
Live Chickens, per lb	8@10
Ducks, Dressed, per lb	10@12
Potatoes, per basket	@45

Arrest disease by the timely use of Tutt's Liver Pills, an old and favorite remedy of increasing popularity. Always cures
SICK HEADACHE,
sour stomach, malaria, indigestion, torpid liver, constipation and all bilious diseases.
TUTT'S Liver PILLS

10,000 POUNDS
—OF—
WOOL WANTED
The HIGHEST CASH PRICES paid at my old stand in Middletown, Del. Come and see me before selling.
J. K. LONG.

J. C. Parker & Son Co
A LITTLE OUT OF THE WAY, BUT WE WILL MAKE IT PAY YOU TO SEE OUR LARGE STOCK OF
Blankets and Robes
We have a few broken lots which we will close out at a special price.
Everything Required for the Horse or Carriage
At the right price. Come see us and we will save you dollars where others can only save you cents.

MESSICK'S!

We do here what other stores can't, because we sell more, buy cheaper and make less profit on each sale!

Men and Boys' Clothing at Cut Prices

We sell as we buy. This lot of Clothing bought at 60c. on the dollar. You'll not find any Clothing that will compare in price and quality with this big lot.

Men's Suits $2.98, made to sell at $5.00.
Cotton Worsted Suits, neat patterns, cut and make equal to the best Suits at double the price, marked here **$2.98.**

Men and Young Men's Suits $3.98, made to sell for $6.00.
This lot of Suits, all-wool, not Cotton, lined and made in first-class manner, in grays, pin stripes and blue cheviots, marked here **$3.98.**
Men and Boys' Suits, elegantly made and trimmed. Here's a Suit that you'll pay $10.00 for at most stores. This Suit must be seen to be appreciated, here **$5.50**

Men and Young Men's Suits $8.50.
Fine imported worsteds and wanted striped flannels, you'll find no better at $12.00, **$8.50.**

Men and Young Men's Suits $7.50.
The wanted blue serges, lined throughout with Skinner satin, this Suit was made to sell at $10.00, here **$7.50.**
Men's imported worsteds, in neat stripes and checks, and the new green cheviots, warranted all pure worsteds, no better Suit can be had at $18.00, here **$12.00.**

NEW WASH DRESS FABRICS.
Remnants of fine Ginghams, all colors and styles, striped and checks, in light and dark grounds, 2 to 8 yards in piece, worth 10c. per yard, **7½c.**
Short lengths of fine Seersucker, light and dark grounds, with neat stripes, ox blood and blue, 4 to 10 yards in piece, the regular price 12½ per yard, **9½c.**
Short lengths of dark and colored Chambray Remnants in pretty stripes and figures, 4 to 10 yards in piece, worth 15½c. per yard, **11c.**

The Biggest Bargains of the Season in Muslin and Sheets.
Hill Bleached Muslin, full yard wide, no better muslin made for family use, sold at other stores at 10c. per yard, here **7c.**
Fruit of the Loom Bleached Muslin, yard wide, you know the price at other stores is 10c. per yard, **8c.**
The old reliable Lancaster Gingham, all new patterns, dress and apron, **5c.** per yard.
Made Pillow Cases, 42x36 inches, made of good strong bleached muslin, regular price 10c. each, **6½c.**
Made Pillow Cases, 42x36 inches, two-inch hem, Monarch Mills Muslin, full bleached, regular price 12½c. each, **10c.**
Made Sheets 81x90 inches, wide hem, made of Homespun Mills Muslin, **42c.**
Made Sheets, 81x90 inches, Monarch Mills Muslin, regular price 60c., **42c.**

Neglige Shirts for Men and Boys
Another one of those magnificent "Spot Cash" merchandising events that bring to our patrons bargains not to be had in any other store. Purchased of Delaware Shirt Co., Chester, Pa., 840 fine Neglige Shirts, soft bosoms, laundered, with and without collars, all new goods, made up for the best trade, some are slightly mussed in handling, and sample Shirts, not one in the lot worth less than 50c., 75c. and $1.00, all marked **25c.**

J. B. MESSICK,
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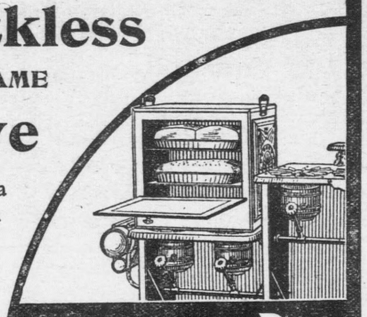

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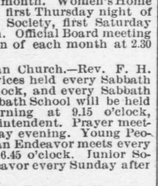

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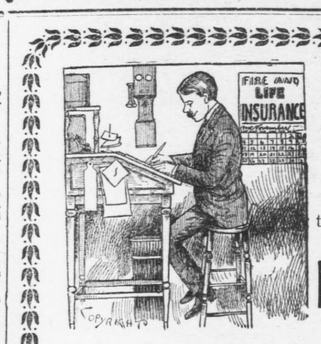

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. . Mr. Wilton's Office Boy . .

BY HORAITO ALGER, JR.

IT was time for the office to close, but Robert Harvey, the office boy, still lingered, though the book-keeper had told him he could go home.

"You don't seem to be in any hurry this afternoon," said the book-keeper.

"Do you think I could see Mr. Wilton before I go?"

"What is your errand?" asked the book-keeper, curiously.

"I thought as I had been here a year to-day, he might be willing to raise my salary."

"I advise you not to ask," said the book-keeper. "Business is only so so, and you are fortunate not to be cut down."

But Robert had a special reason for preferring his request. His little sister was sick, and his mother, who derived some income from making vests for a city tailor, was unable to do as much as usual, and the result was they were hard pressed for money to buy absolute necessaries.

Then, again, in a week the monthly rent came due. It was but six dollars, but that seemed a large sum to Robert and his mother.

Mr. Wilton sat in his counting-room when Robert entered.

"What can I do for you, Robert?" he asked.

"Mr. Wilton, it is a year to-day since I entered your service."

The merchant began to frown. Already he anticipated what was coming. He had just been figuring up his profits for the year. They exceeded twenty thousand dollars, but still they were two thousand behind the profits of the previous year.

This annoyed him for he confidently expected to do better.

"What then?" he asked curtly.

"I thought you might be willing to pay me a little more salary."

"How much do I pay you now?"

"Three dollars and a half a week."

"A very fair salary for these times, Robert. The fact is, business has fallen off, and I have not done as well this year by a couple of thousand dollars as I did last year.

Then you can't raise me?" asked Robert, in a tone of disappointment.

"Certainly not. Most men are cutting down wages. I won't do that, but I can't advance you. In another year, if things are favorable, I will pay you something more."

Another year! It was a long time to wait when money was needed so much. Robert felt that there was no more to be said, and he turned away slowly, his face clouded by sadness. Mr. Wilton watched him as he went out, and felt a little twinge of regret.

"It wouldn't have cost me much to pay him a dollar a week more—only fifty-two dollars," he thought. "Still I must consider the principle of the thing. Why should he receive more when I am getting less?"

Mr. Wilton might have considered that to him a small diminution of his large income meant no loss of comfort, or even luxury, while with Robert it was very different.

He was not a hard-hearted man, but he was disposed to take a selfish view of whatever affected his own interests. The sight of poverty and privation made him uncomfortable, and he therefore made it a practice of shutting his eyes and ignoring them.

It did occur to him that Robert's family was probably poor, and he knew that three dollars and a half would not go very far; but, "of course," he said to himself, "it isn't for me to worry myself how other people manage. I should have my hands full if I went into that business."

Robert went home slowly. He would have hurried if he had good news to impart, but his application had been fruitless.

At last he reached the humble dwelling in the outskirts of the city in which his mother and sister lived. His mother opened the door for him. She noticed the sadness of his look.

"You failed in your application?" she asked, anxiously.

"Yes, mother. Mr. Wilton said business was not as good as a year ago, and I must wait another year. If he had only added a dollar a week to my pay it would have almost paid the rent."

Mrs. Harvey sighed.

"Well," she said, "there is no help for it. If Alice recovers her health soon, I can do more work for the tailor, but at present, she takes up a great deal of my time."

"How is she, mother?"

"She feels a little better. She has been asking for oranges, but I had not a cent to spare, and the poor child must go without."

"Mother," said Robert, decidedly, "it is very evident that I must earn more money. After supper I will go out and see if I can't pick up a little money for extra work."

"What extra work can you find to do, my son?"

"I don't know, but I can look about."

Robert did as he proposed, but returned home after two hours unsuccessful.

"Never mind, mother," he said, "I'll try it again to-morrow. If my employer won't raise my pay I'll see if one way or another I can't make up from fifty cents to a dollar a week."

"But it will be too hard for you, Robert."

"I'll risk it, mother."

The next day was Saturday. According to custom some of the business men in the place closed their stores or offices at four o'clock in the afternoon, to allow their clerks a little space for recreation.

It was in the winter season, and the boys congregated in large numbers at a pond not far from Robert's home, where they had fine sport in skating.

It occurred to Robert that he might pick up a little money by putting on skates for young ladies, or inexperienced skaters.

By five o'clock he had earned ten cents in that way, and there seemed to be little chance of doing anything more in that way.

"Why are you not skating, Robert?" said Charlie Davis, as he was taking off his skates.

"Because I have no skates."

"You may use mine while I am gone home to supper."

"Thank you, Charlie, I shall enjoy it."

"I think my skates will fit you."

"Yes, our feet are about of a size."

Most of the boys enjoyed their skating so much that they deferred going home to supper, so that Robert had plenty of company when on Charlie's skates he sped swiftly over the ice.

"We shan't have skating much longer, Rob," said Fred Lathrop. "It is beginning to melt already."

"You are right. I think this will be the last chance for the present unless the weather gets colder."

"The ice is quite thin over the east side of the pound, but still the boys go there. Do you see that little fellow with the sealskin cap?"

"Yes; what of him?"

"It is the son of your employer, Clarence Wilton. He is an only child, I believe. His parents idolize him, I am told."

"He seems a bright little fellow, I never saw any of Mr. Wilton's family before."

Clarence Wilton was one of the imprudent boys who ventured out on the thin ice. He was rash and thoughtless, and only laughed when told he was running a risk.

"I only weigh eighty pounds!" he said, "I guess the ice won't break."

And then Robert heard a loud cry.

"The ice is cracking."

A crowd of excited boys and girls were looking on when the ominous sound was heard. All escaped in safety except one, who was further away from the strong ice than the others.

"Clarence Wilton is in!" shouted a dozen voices.

It was quite true. The treacherous ice had given way, and the little boy, after an ineffectual struggle had broken through.

The boys looked on as if paralyzed, and appeared not to know what to do. All except one.

Robert had his wits about him, and though he knew his own danger, he started swiftly for the dangerous spot.

"You'll be drowned!" exclaimed his companions. Robert uttered not a word, but kept on.

He reached the dangerous chasm, and he too, was ingulfed, but he had grasped the little boy, and held him up so as to prevent his drowning.

"Bring a rail, quick!" he shouted.

There was a rail on the ice not far away, as he knew. Half a dozen boys seized it and pushed it toward the imperiled boys.

Not without a powerful effort, Robert managed to pull himself and Clarence out of the icy water. Both were shivering from their terrible bath. Poor little Clarence was crying with the cold.

They got off the ice as quickly as they could. Near the pond was a hack.

"Get in, Clarence," said Robert. "I will take you home."

"Where to?" asked the driver.

"Where do you live, Clarence?"

The little boy named the street and number.

"Drive on as fast as you can," said Robert, "you will be well paid."

There was great alarm at the house of Mr. Wilton when the two boys arrived. Mr. Wilton himself admitted them.

Robert hurriedly told the story to his employer.

"Now," he said, "I will get Mr. Irwin to take me home."

"No," said the merchant, "it is dangerous for you any longer to keep on your wet clothes. You must come in and go to bed, as well as Clarence, and I will send for the doctor."

"But my mother will be anxious."

"I will send a messenger to tell her where you are."

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It was a week before Robert was able to go back to his place. He was moved the next day to his own home, but he had been thoroughly chilled, and a severe cold made it necessary for him to remain indoors.

On the day of his return to work he was summoned to the merchant's counting-room.

"How is Clarence?" he asked.

"Getting well rapidly," answered Mr. Wilton. Then with a voice full of emotion he added:

"We owe his life to you; how can we repay you?"

"I am sufficiently repaid, Mr. Wilton by the knowledge that he is doing well."

"That may be enough for you, but not for me. Do you remember asking to have your salary raised? How much increase did you expect?

"If you would give me a dollar a week more it would make me very happy."

Mr. Wilton smiled.

"How will ten dollars a week suit you?" he asked.

"Ten dollars! It is much more than my services are worth!" exclaimed Robert.

"Perhaps so; but I propose to pay you at that rate. You must remember that your service of the other day far outweighs all I can do for you."

"How delighted mother will be!" said Robert, his face glowing with happiness.

"That is not all. I shall to-morrow deposit in the savings' bank one thousand dollars to your credit, as the gift of Clarence, but I advise you to let it accumulate. When you are of age it may be of service in promoting any business plans you may have."

From that time capricious fortune changed, and all went well with Robert. He was rapidly promoted, and became a trusted and important clerk in the house of Mr. Wilton. He and Clarence are intimate friends, and the merchant encourages the intimacy.

He feels that Robert's influence over the younger boy will be beneficial, and no one in his employ is so much a favorite with him as this one who started as an office boy.

The resignations of Lieutenants A. E. Reynolds, Co. B; George B. Ruas, Co. G; and Lewis Ellison, Co. K, National Guard of Delaware, have been accepted, and they have been honorably discharged.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

PRESIDENT McKINLEY left Monday on the longest trip ever taken by a President of the United States. The total distance to be traveled by June 15th, when the Presidential special is due to return to Washington, is 10,581 miles. President Harrison nearly made as long a trip in 1891, when he left Washington April 14th and returned May 15th, after having traveled 9,228 miles. President McKinley, like President Harrison, opposing traveling on Sunday, except in cases of absolute necessity, and the special train will be side-tracked every Sunday during the trip, the schedule giving the following in the order named as the Sunday stopping places: San Antonio, Texas; Del Monte and San Francisco, Cal.; Spokane, Wash.; Salt Lake City, Utah, and Chicago. Four members of the Cabinet, Secretaries Hay, Hitchcock and Wilson and Postmaster General Smith, left Washington with the President, and Secretary Long, who has gone to visit his daughters in Colorado, will join him before San Francisco is reached. One car of the special train is fitted out as the President's office and the presence of Secretary Cortelyou and several of the White House corps of stenographers, will make it as easy for the President to transact executive business on the train, as he could in Washington. But unless something unexpected turns up, he doesn't expect to give much time to business. There is no need for him to do so, as there is little liklihood of anything having to be disposed of before his return that cannot be handled by the three members of the Cabinet—Secretaries Root and Gage and Attorney General Knox, left in Washington. In fact, the business of the government is just now largely routine, both domestic and outside.

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Mr. L. C. Willis, Mayor of Shelbyville, Ky., and a good Republican, who is now in Washington, thinks the Democrats of the State are recovering from their long attack of partisan delirum. He said: "I think that daylight is coming for our politician difficulties in Kentucky, and it will be a source of much gratification to all of our people. The acquittal of Capt. Ripley, by the jury at Frankfort, the hot bed of agitation over the killing of Goebel, is assign that the Court and Jury are determined to give the accused man a fair trial. That is all that anybody on either side can ask. This action probably forecasts the acquittal of most of the other suspects who are yet to be tried. There is one noticeable difference between the recent trial and those which were held last year. The Ripley jury were 'drawn out of the wheel' as provided in the Kentucky law, but last year Judge Cantrill, when the panel was exhausted, directed the sheriff to make up the jury. It is pretty well understood what kind of a jury a sheriff will get in such cases."

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Attorney General Knox will endeavor to obtain $750,000 located in several banks as belonging to Captain F. M. Carter, who is now in prison for defrauding the government in connection with the improvement of the harbor of Savannah, Ga., of which he was in charge.

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The visit of the Cuban committee to Washington has not only been pleasant to all concerned, but it has been productive of much good. The doubts which the Cubans said they and their fellow members of the Constitutional convention had as to the construction of that clause of the Platt amendment in which the right was reserved by this government, to intervene whenever in its judgment it might become necessary to preserve order in Cuba was all cleared away by the explanations made by President McKinley and Secretary Root, and they now see the establishing of naval coaling stations in Cuba by the United States in a much more favorable light than they did when the matter was discussed, in the convention. Those two clauses of the Platt amendment are the only ones that were seriously opposed by the convention. Members of the Committee have said privately that they would recommend to the convention when they return, which will be at once, that the Platt amendment be accepted, and have expressed the opinion that the recommendation will be favorably acted upon. The Cubans did a great deal of talking about the general desire of the people of the island to obtain reductions in our tariff on sugar and tobacco, even after they were made fully understand that the tariff was a question that Congress only could deal with. President McKinley, however, told them that after the Cuban government had been organized, he would be pleased to appoint commissioners to negotiate with its representatives, a commercial reciprocity treaty.

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Secretary Hay held quite a reception before he left Washington. Many of the most prominent members or the diplomatic corps intend going to Europe this summer and expect to be gone before Secretary Hay returns. Consequently they called, not only to say goodbye and express their good wishes, but to incidentally put in a word or two on diplomatic matters. Secretary Hay stated that he had secured the views of a sufficient number of Senators to justify the belief that a new Isthmian Canal treaty can be negotiated with Great Britain that will be ratified by the Senate. It is expected that the new treaty will be ready by the time Congress assembles.

WASHINGTON

On May 9th the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will run the last of the present series of three-day personally-conducted tours to Washington, D. C.

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On and after October 1, 1900, trains will leave as follows:

SOUTHWARD.

	PAS. A. M.	EXP. A. M.	PAS. P. M.	MAIL P. M.	MAIL P M	EXP P. M.
Philadelphia	‡7 25	10 20	‡2 20	‡3 58	‡5 58	11 23
Baltimore	6.25	8 03	1 18	2 01	4 20	
Wilmington	8 13	11 06	3 03	4 39	6 58	11.25
Farnhurst	‡8 52		‡3 12		‡7 07	
New Castle	8 28		3 17	4.52	7 12	
State Road	‡8 34		‡3 22		‡7 17	
Bear	‡8 59		‡3 27	‡5 01	7 22	
Porter	8 47		‡3 32	5 05	7 18	
Kirkwood	8 52		‡3 37		7 23	
Mt. Pleasant	9 01		‡3 43		‡7 41	
Armstrong	‡9 05		‡3 49		‡7 45	
Middletown	9 11	11.50	3.54	‡ 3	7 51	12.54
Townsend	9 19		4.01	5 40	7 59	
Blackbird	‡9 23		‡4 11		‡8 04	
Gr'n Spring	‡9 28		‡4 17		‡8 10	
Clayton	9 34	12 07	4.22	5 51	8 16	
Smyrna LV	9 24	11.57	4.12	5 44	8 06	
Brenford	‡9 29		‡4 27		‡8 21	
Cheswold	‡9 44		‡4 32		‡8 27	
Dupont			‡4 35			
Dover	9.58	12.23	4.42	6 1'	8 37	1 31
Wyoming	10.05	‡12.29	4 48	6.18	8 4	a 1 39
Woodside	‡10 11			‡6.24	‡8 50	
Viola	‡10 15			‡6. 8	‡8.54	
Felton	10 20	12.40		6.33	8.58	
Harrington	10 34	12.53		6 46	9.11	
Georgetown	11.34			7 45		
Berlin	12.33			8 44		
Ocean City (B C & A Ry	12 45			10 35		
Farmington	‡6 42			‡6.51	‡9.18	
Greenwood	10.50	‡ 1 08		‡7 02	‡9 26	
Bridgeville	10.58	‡ 1.16		7 10	9.34	a 2 29
Cannons	‡11 03			‡7 1.	‡9 39	
Seaford	11 13	1.27		7 21	9 48	2..1
Laurel	11 25	1.37		7.34	9 58	a 2.13
Delmar	11.33	1.46		7 43	10 08	3.05
	AM	PM	PM	PM	PM	AM

NORTHWARD.

	EXP. A. M.	MAIL A. M.	EXP. A. M.	MAIL A. M	EXP. P. M.	PAS. P. M.
Delmar	‡1.08		‡7.05	‡8 00	‡2 15	‡6 30
Laurel	‡1 21		7.16	8 10	2.25	3 41
Seaford	1.34		7.28	8 24	2 35	3.56
Cannons			‡7.36	‡8.31		‡4 04
Bridgeville	‡1 48		7.42	8 37	‡2 48	4.11
Greenwood			‡7.50	8.45	2.54	‡4.19
Farmington			‡7.58	‡8.53		‡4 27
Ocean City (B C & A Ry				6 40		*2.10
Berlin				8.56		2.38
Georgetown				8 0.		8.42
Harrington	‡2.3		8.19	9 06		4.01
Felton	‡2.16		8.19	9.16		4.50
Viola			‡8.23	‡9 20		‡4.54
Woodside			‡8 27	‡9 24	‡3 30	‡4.58
Wyoming	‡2.46	‡6 57	8 31	9 31	3.39	5.6
Dover	2.56	7 03	8 40	9 38		6.12
Dupont		‡7 08				
Cheswold		‡7 13		‡9 49		‡5: 1
Brenford		‡7.18		‡9.54		‡5: 6
Smyrna LV		7.15	8 43	9.51	3 41	5.21
Clayton	3.09	7.35	8 58	10 01	3.54	5.31
Gr'n Spring		‡7.29				‡5.33
Blackbird		‡7.35		‡10 09		‡5.45
Townsend		7 40	9 11	10 14	4 07	5. 1
Middletown	3.30	7.56	9 30	10.23	4 16	16:04
Armstrong		‡7.54				6.00
Mt Pleasant		7.58		‡10 31		6:01
Kirkwood		8.08		10 40		6.18
Porter		8.18	9 40	10 46	4.56	6:17
Bear		‡8.2'		‡10 51		6. 3
State Road		‡8 25		‡10 56		‡ 6.33
New Castle		8.31		11.01		6.38
Farnhurst		‡8.36	10.7	‡11 06		‡ 6.43
Wilmington		4 15	9 4.	11 15	5 02	6.52
Baltimore		6 19	10 31	12.35	7 05	8.40
Philadelphia		9.10	9.32	12.06	5.46	7.42
		AM	AM	AM	PM	PM PM

‡ Daily. § Daily except Sunday. *Leaves Tuesdays and Saturdays only.

"a" Stops to leave passengers from Wilmington and points north, or take passengers for points south of Delmar.

"f" Stops only on notice to conductor or agent, or on signal.

"t" Stops to leave passengers from Middletown and points south.

"p" Stops to leave passengers from points south of Delmar, or take passengers for Wilmington and points north.

NEW CASTLE ACCOMMODATION TRAINS.—Leave Wilmington 8 03 a. m., 3.05, 4 32 and 6.58 p. m., week days. Leave New Castle 8.0, 9.53, 11.01 a. m., 6.38 p. m. week days.

Express trains leaving Harrington 8 10 a. m. and arriving at 6.46 p. m., week days, run through solid to and from Baltimore via Porter and Newark.

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DELAWARE, MARYLAND & VIRGINIA R. R.—Leave Harrington for Franklin City and way stations 10.3 a m 6.50 p m week days. Returning train leaves Franklin City 6 00 a. m. and 2.37 p m., week days.

Leave Franklin City for Chincoteague (via steamer) 1 33 p m., week days Returning, leave Chincoteague 4.52 a. m., week-days.

Leave Harrington for Georgetown, Lewes and Rehoboth at 10 38 a m., 6. 0 p m., week-days Returning, leave Rehoboth 6. 3 a. m. and 2.51 p m. week-days; 7.22 a m Mondays only.

Leave Harrington for Berlin, 0 38 a. m. and 6.50 p m. week days. Returning, leave Berlin 5.56 a m and 2.38 p. m. week days

QUEEN ANNE & KENT R. R.—Leave Townsend for Centreville and way stations 9 23 a. m., and 5 51 p m., week days Returning, leave Centreville 7 01 a m. and 2 45 p m., week-days.

DELAWARE & CHESAPEAKE R. R.—Leave Clayton for Oxford and way stations 9 38 a m., and 5.58 p m., week days Returning, leave Oxford 7 00 a m., and 1 56 p m., week-days

CAMBRIDGE & SEAFORD R. R.—Leave Seaford for Cambridge and intermediate stations 11 17 a. m. and 7.25 p m week days. Returning, leave Cambridge 7 00 a m. and 2.30 p. m. week-days

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